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SUBJECT: PRG ISSUE AT LAW OF WAR CONFERENCE AND WMO CONGRESS

REF: (A) BRUSSELS 546

(B) STATE 23914

1. FOREIGN MINISTRY DIRECTOR OF FAR EAST AFFAIRS (STEYAERT)
HAS INFORMED US OF BELGIAN POSITION ON PRG ISSUE AT LAW OF WAR
CONFERENCE. ON PROCEDURAL ISSUES, BELGIUM WILL SUPPORT APPLICABILITY
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OF RULE 32, OPPOSE CHALLENGE TO RULING IN FAVOR OF RULE 32, AND SUPP-

ORT CHALLENGE TO RULE 35. IN EVENT THAT PRG REPRESENTATION ACTUALLY COMES TO VOTE, BELGIUM WILL VOTE AGAINST IF IT APPEARS THAT SINGLE VOTE WILL BE IMPORTANT TO OUTCOME. IF THERE IS LARGE MAJORITY IN FAVOR OF PRG REPRESENTATION, WITH SINGLE OPPOSING VOTE HAVING LITTLE INFLUENCE ON RESULTS, BELGIUM MAY ABSTAIN. IN NO CASE WILL BELGIUM VOTE IN FAVOR OF FULL PRG PARTICIPATION.

2. STEYAERT NOTED THAT EC-9 HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO REACH COMMON POSITION IN ISSUE IN TIME FOR OPENING OF LOW CONFERENCE. HE ALSO ACKNOWLEDGED THAT PRG WOULD NOT SETTLE FOR OBSERVER STATUS AT CONFERENCE (STATE 17447).

3. REGARDING MAIL BALLOT ON OBSERVER STATUS FOR PRG AT WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION CONGRESS, STEYAERT SAID BELGIUM WILL EITHER OPPOSE OR ABSTAIN. RENNER

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